

Talking Biotech: GMO mosquitoes; Desperate need for plant breeders

This week's podcast begins with a short discussion on the public records controversy entangling Kevin Folta, followed by a talk about the technology that allows rearing of male mosquitoes that transmit a gene that disrupts offspring from developing with Dr. Andrew McKemey from Oxitec in Oxford, England. This new technology has provided potential solutions to mosquito-borne disease. Dr. McKemey describes the technology and addresses ecological concerns.

The second part of the podcast features a conversation about careers in plant breeding with Dr. Phil Stewart from Driscoll's Strawberry Associates. A desperate need for plant breeders in both industry and academia has arisen over the past several years, especially how these high-paying, satisfying careers outnumber the supply of graduating students to fill the positions. Dr. Stewart talks about his job, how he got to where he is, and how interested students and graduates can target these lucrative and fulfilling career paths.

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